

Time	Conference	Description
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Registration Required Room: Ft. Western	Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Host: Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training with Extension and DACF	<p>This course is for fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce farm food safety and best practices. Earn 3 pesticide credits and a certificate of completion. The manual is a resource for USDA GAP audits and the FDA Produce Safety Rule (PSR). This course meets the PSR food safety training requirement for farm supervisors. Lunch provided. Pre-registration and a \$30 course payment is required.</p> <p>Register Fee: \$30 CEU: Pesticide</p>
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Registration Required Room: Washington/York	MFFM Meetings Host: Maine Federation of Farmers' Markets	<p>Annual convention with workshops and roundtables for the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Vendor 101 Training • Accessibility & Farmers' Markets • Best Practices for Growing Your Business at Farmers' Markets • Public Relations Strategies for farmers' markets • SNAP & Maine Harvest Bucks Orientation • Beginning Vendors Panel • Market Managers Roundtable <p>Register</p>
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Wild Blueberry Update Host: Board of Pesticides Control	<p>Speaker: Lily Calderwood, Seanna Annis, Phil Fanning</p> <p>CEU: Pesticide</p>

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9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Pine Tree	Hemp Updates Host: University of Maine	Agenda: 9:00 - 9:30 Organic certification for hemp growers and processors Chris Grigsby, MOFGA 9:30 10:30 New rules for growing and processing hemp Gary Fish, DACF 10:30 11:00 Hemp weed management John Jemison, University of Maine 11:00 11:30 Nitrogen fertility requirements for hemp, John Jemison, University of Maine 11:30 12:00 - What is this on my hemp plant!, John Jemison, University of Maine
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Capitol	New England Dairy Travel Course Host: UMaine Cooperative Extension	New England Dairy Students Learn about the Maine Dairy Industry.
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Room: Somerset	Farm Labor Discussion Host: Merrymeeting Food Council	Join Merrymeeting Food Council and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension for a discussion about farm labor, open to farmers and farm workers. We will use this space to discuss needed resources, successes and challenges in sourcing labor, and to get connected with programs and resources to help meet your needs.
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room: Lincoln/Oxford	Maine's Aging Population: Nutritional Needs and Limitations in Resources and Food Security	Educational discussion and presentations.

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	Host: Maine Nutrition Council	
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Registration Required Room: Augusta	Maine Florists and Flower Growers Host: Maine Florists and Flower Growers	Educational talks. Registration and course fee are required. Learn more at msfga.org/ag-show . Register Fee: Yes CEU: Pesticide
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Somerset	Public Conversations & How to Tell Your Story Host: Maine Farm Bureau	Sometimes visitors can ask tough questions that it can be hard to respond to spontaneously. Let us help you! We will talk about strategies for telling the story of your farm, the tools you use and the challenges you face in an engaging and conversational way, whether you are testifying at a public hearing or giving a farm tour.
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Wild Blueberry Update Host: Board of Pesticides Control	Speaker: Lily Calderwood, Seanna Annis, Phil Fanning CEU: Pesticide
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room: Lincoln/Oxford	Healthy Eating Dietician Tips Host: Hannaford	Join your Hannaford Dietitian for a close look at the pre-diabetes & diabetes diet. Explore the role nutrition plays in managing blood sugar, reducing risk factors, and lowering the risk of diabetes side effects, particularly in type 2 diabetes.
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Room: Hancock	USDA Grants: Rural Energy for America (REAP) and Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG)	Join USDA Rural Development for a 30-minute presentation on the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to discuss opportunities for rural small businesses and agricultural producers to receive grant funding for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements at

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	Host: USDA Rural Development	their business or farm. Join USDA Rural Development for a 30-minute presentation on the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) to discuss opportunities for agricultural producers to receive grant funding for value-added activities that generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income.
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Room: Hancock	Farm Bill and Policy Listening with DACF Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	<p>Come share your ideas and input to stay engaged with policies. Join Commissioner Amanda Beal, Directors Nancy McBrady, and Patty Cormier, along with USDA staff, for a discussion about farming, forestry, and conservation programs offered at the federal level.</p> <p>The 2023 Federal Farm Bill Reauthorization is fast approaching, and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) is interested in hearing from you so that we can weigh in and help navigate these important policy decisions at the federal level.</p> <p>Learn what to expect with the upcoming Farm Bill, the timeline, and how you can stay involved. You do not need previous knowledge of Farm Bill contents or mechanics to participate.</p>
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Varroa Mite Integrated Pest Management Host: Board of Pesticides Control	<p>Speaker: Jen Lund</p> <p>CEU: Pesticide</p>
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Pesticide Safety Review	Speaker: Kerry Bernard

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